Kings' Viking

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BRAKKA-BRAKKA-BRAKKA
AH ISN'T IT WONDERFUL? NO INVESTIGATIONS NO PROTOCOLS A WORLD WITHOUT ANY OF THOSE ANNOYING PROCEDURES!
POLICE
ALL THE CRIMINALS ARE ABOUT TO BE SLAUGHTERED! WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD!
BRAKKA--
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WELL TIME TO GET READY FOR WORK
WELL CRAP, I TOTALLY MISSED MY CHANCE TO TAKE A NAP...
WHY DOES THIS GAME HAVE TO BE SO FUN?
CLICK
HUH, OH CRAP, I CAN'T FIND MY NOTE-BOOK

{CODE 4:MACK THE KNIFE} #4

I...
OI, YOU NEED TO CAREFULLY EXPLAIN TO US WHAT'S HAPPENING.
KOREEDA HOLD ON WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE GONNA BE ARRESTED?!
Sigh
T-THE BAG...
I... IN THE BAG...
.KOREEDA?
DING DONG
SHUFFLE

KER-CHAK
IS KOREEDA KAZUKI HERE?
WE'RE FROM THE TOKYO POLICE. 2ND DIVISION OF THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DEPARTMENT. I'M KANZAKI, HEAD OF THE SPECIAL TECHNOLOGICAL CRIMES DIVISION.

PLEASE COME WITH US TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
WE HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS WE'D LIKE TO ASK YOU.
HE'S KAZUKI, BUT...

Glare
MR. KOREEDA WAS AT ASAMI IRONMILL EARLIER TODAY, WASN'T HE?
WE'VE COME IN REGARDS TO THAT
MAY I ASK WHAT THE PROBLEM IS?
I SEE.
I... UHM
KOREEDA, LISTEN UP

DON'T WORRY, NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY, IT'LL BE ALRIGHT.
JUST RELAX AND SPEAK WITH THEM CALMLY
INNOCENT PEOPLE SHOULD ACT WITH THEIR HEADS HELD HIGH

HOWEVER, DON'T ADMIT TO ANYTHING THAT YOU DIDN'T DO

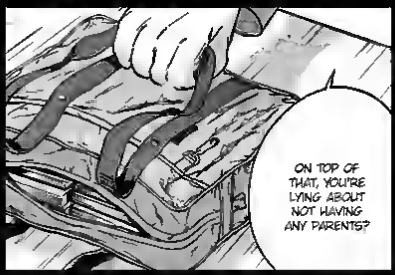
警視庁

I-I'M... I'M LIS-TEN-ING...
HEY, ARE YOU LISTEN-ING?
ABOUT ASAMI IRON-WORKS THAT WE'D LIKE TO ASK.
FIRST OFF, WE HAVE A FEW QUES-TIONS...

YOU JUST SO HAPPENED TO BE AT THE ASAMI IRONMILL DURING THE EMERGENCY SYSTEM STOPS, CORRECT? WE HEARD SO FROM THE MANAGER
WHAT WERE YOU— THERE—
HEY KID— LISTEN- ING—
—YOU WERE—

OH.... 256'S MEAL! I FORGOT TO FEED HIM!
RUBBER DOG BONE
ALRIGHT, THIS SHOULD DO.
HEY KID, HOLD ON ONE SECOND.
CRAP, I NEED TO HURRY AND GET HOME!
POLICE... UHM... MR. OFFICER...! I... UH... 256... I NEED TO GO FEED 256...!
HE KEEPS SAYING HE HAS NO FAMILY, AND WON'T GIVE UP ANY CONTACT INFORMATION...
THIS IS KID IS REALLY PUSHING IT... EVEN THOUGH I CAUGHT HIM RED HANDED HE'S INSISTING HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.

HEY, I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR EXCUSES,
YOU DID IT DIDN'T YOU?


ON TOP OF THAT, YOU'RE LYING ABOUT NOT HAVING ANY PARENTS?

EH?
HUH?

IF YOU HAD JUST SPOKEN UP FROM THE START, I WOULDN'T NEED TO CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL.
Snatch!
AGHH!!

FLOMP
W-WH-A
WELL, YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW RIGHT?

YOUR KID IS SITTING OVER HERE, COME GET HIM.
YES, HELLO. THIS IS ASAKUSA NISHI. I'M HERE WITH A STUDENT OF YOURS...
...KOREEDA... KAZUKI.
Student Handbook

DID YOU STEAL IT?
I... I DIDN'T... BUT I DID BUT...
I DIDN'T MEAN TO I-I DON'T KNOW...

Sigh
I DIDN'T DO IT...

WHAT?
EH... UH, UHM THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...
OK THEN, TRY PROVING THAT YOU DIDN'T DO IT.
UH...
I'LL GO AHEAD AND TELL YOU THIS - KEEPING QUIET, LIKE YOU WERE EARLIER IS GOING TO HURT YOUR OWN POSITION...
Flustered
THAT I WAS REMEMBERING... SOMETHING FROM A LONG TIME AGO. IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN...

IF YOU WERE GOING TO CLAIM RESPONSIBILITY FOR A CRIME, WHERE WOULD YOU UPLOAD IT?

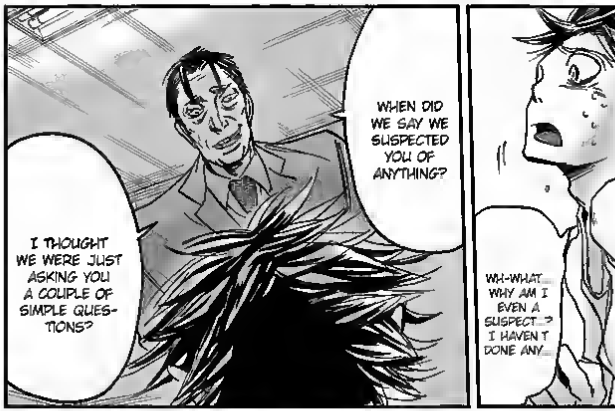
WHA-... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT I'M TRYING TO ASK IS, IF YOU WERE GOING TO LAUNCH A CYBER ATTACK ON A COMPANY, WHERE WOULD YOU UPLOAD YOUR DECLARATION OF ATTACK?
...WAS THAT... WAS THAT A QUESTION?
IT WAS, SO ANSWER.
UHM... I'D DO IT THROUGH AN OVER-SEAS SERVER...
HMM, VERY INTERESTING.

JUST AS YOU SAID. AT THE MOMENT THERE IS AN OVERSEAS WEBSITE WITH A POST DECLARING THEY WOULD BE LAUNCHING CYBER ATTACKS WITH THEIR OBJECTIVES BEING MONETARY
WA.. WAS THAT A QUESTION TOO -?
HOWEVER ARE THEY REALLY JUST AFTER "MONEY"?
THE TIME THE POST WAS MADE, MATCHES UP WITH THE TIME THE ATTACKS ON ASAMI IRONWORKS BEGAN...
I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT IT'S SIMPLY A COINCIDENCE THAT YOU HAPPEN TO BE THERE ON THE VERY DAY THEY RECEIVE A CYBER ATTACK

TH-THAT'S MY JOB...!
WHAT IS YOUR JOB?
UH... UHMM...
AH, THAT...
IT SEEMS YOU CLAIM TO BE AN IT CONSULTANT, BUT I'M FINDING THAT A BIT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE.

I...I CAN'T... ...ANSWER THAT PROPERLY.
YOU WENT THERE PRETENDING TO FIX THEIR COMPUTERS, WHEN IT WAS REALLY YOU, WHO LAUNCHED THE ATTACKS IN THE FIRST PLACE!
NO WAY!
ALL I DID WAS ANALYZE THE VIRUS CREATE CREATE THE PATCH...AND...GOT THE MACHINES RUNNING AGAIN!
THIS SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT HERE I'M... I'M GOING HOME!
CLATTER

MIURA-SAN. THAT'S A BIT MUCH.
BANG
SIT YOUR ASS DOWN!!


I THOUGHT WE WERE JUST ASKING YOU A COUPLE OF SIMPLE QUES-TIONS?
WHEN DID WE SAY WE SUSPECTED YOU OF ANYTHING?
WH-WHAT... WHY AM I EVEN A SUSPECT...? I HAVEN'T DONE ANY...

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CO-OPERATING WITH THE PO-LICE IN THEIR INVESTIGATIONS IS THE DUTY OF ANY CITIZEN OF THE COUNTRY
DESPITE THAT, YOU CAN'T EVEN ANSWER A FEW SIMPLE QUESTIONS AND START TRYING TO RUN AWAY
?……?……?

WHY... WHY DO THESE THINGS KEEP HAPPENING TO ME... ISN'T THIS ENOUGH ALREADY...?
I ALREADY SAID I'M NOT THE CULPRIT... A SIMPLE GLANCE AT THE VIRUS AND IT'S OBVIOUS.
YOU ARE AWARE THAT IF YOU KEEP UP THIS REBELLIOUS ATTITUDE, WE ARE WELL WITHIN OUR RIGHTS TO KEEP YOU IN CUSTODY FOR THE NIGHT?
VIRUS .? A COMPUTER VIRUS...?

Tap
Tap
Tap
HEY, HOW CAN THE VIRUS PROVE THAT YOU'RE NOT THE CULPRIT?
I DON'T WANT TO BE HERE
I JUST DON'T UNDER-STAND...
Wobble Wobble
Gasp!
AN ELEGANT VIRUS? WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT EVEN MEAN?
TRY EXPLAINING THAT ONE TO ME.
I COULD NEVER WRITE SUCH DISGUSTING CODE.
...I WOULD WRITE SOMETHING MUCH MORE ELEGANT...
Wobble Wobble